

REMARKS/ARGUEMENTS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants received a Notice of Informal Application dated February 24, 2004 (copy attached). The Notice provided that the oath or declaration of the present application did not comply with 37 CFR §1.63, and that a new oath or declaration identifying the residence (e.g., city and either state or foreign country) of each inventor should be submitted. A telephone call to the Initial Patent Examination Division on March 23, 2004 determined that the Notice was mailed in error and a Notice would be mailed with the Office Action. Any response to this Notice should be submitted with the response to the Office Action.

However, the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 did not include such Notice. A subsequent review of the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) System reveals that a copy of the Oath and Declaration from a prior case in the priority chain, U.S. Patent No. 6,411,557 issued June 25, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. 13250US01), was filed in the present case on October 20, 2004. A copy of the Image File Wrapper list, and the signature page of the Declaration, are attached. It appears that all informalities set forth in the Notice have been met in compliance with 37 CFR §1.63. If this is incorrect, Applicants request that the application be withdrawn from issuance, and that Applicants be permitted to comply with any outstanding informalities.

Furthermore, Applicants note what appears to be a typographical error in the Notice of Allowability dated July 26, 2004. The Notice of Allowability provides that claims 27-48 and 51-87 are allowed. However, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 27-48 and 51-90 were included in the response filed June 25, 2004. Applicants request that the Notice of Allowability be amended to include all the claims, and that such claims be included in any issued patent.

The specification has been amended to include the Patent Number (U.S. Patent No. 6,646,954) of the parent case. No new matter is added.

Claims 27-48 and 51-90 are currently pending. Claim 42 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error, changing the "self-timed controlled local decoder" in line 6 to read "self-timed local decoder" consistent with the rest of the claim. Such amendment to claim 15 is believed to correct an informality and does not otherwise affect or narrow the claim element with respect to patentability. Therefore, Applicants

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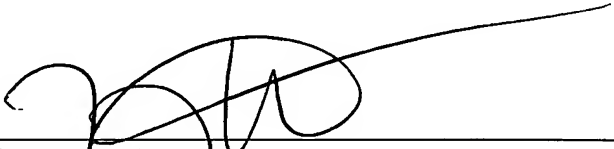
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believe that this amendment does not create prosecution history estoppel with respect to that claim element and further does not affect the range of equivalents with respect thereto.

The above amendments are believed to correct minor informalities and place the application in a better condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any further considerations or concerns, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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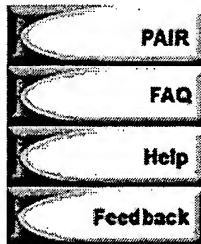
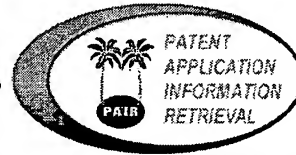
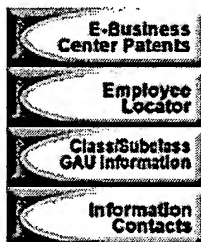
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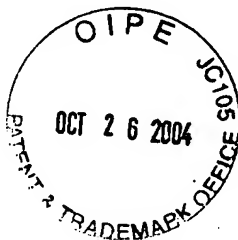


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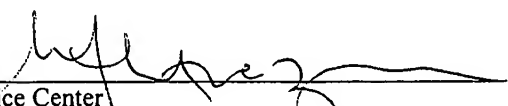
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- A new oath or declaration, identifying this application number is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:
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